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...endure...

THE Saviour, while informing His disciples of perilous times ahead said, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Matt. 24:13). We are now living in times such as the world has never seen—travel is swift and efficient, communication is virtually instantaneous, science is at its most advanced stage and of most importance, the Gospel has been restored in its fullness. Yet, along with all of the goodness which is about us there are also more opportunities for us to lose sight of our goals and to fall behind those who are marching on to perfection.

The Devil, in trying to thwart the purposes of God, is unceasingly tempting us to stray from the road which will lead us to our exaltation, but this opposition is a great blessing to us in fulfilling our purpose for coming here to the earth. One of our purposes for being here is to prove ourselves worthy to return to God's presence while improving ourselves to enable us to attain Godship. However, there is no improvement without opposition. "For it must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things. If not so, my first-born in the wilderness, righteousness could not be brought to pass, neither holiness nor misery, neither good nor bad." (II Nephi 2:11.) So we can see that the road to perfection is not a level one, but rather an uphill grade all of the way. We must be putting energy into every step we take, for the moment that we slack off we find ourselves going down rather than up. Other than

just losing steam, there are other chuckholes along the way which prevent us from reaching perfection. These are the temptations, passions and appetites which befall us each day. We can either ride over these, just noticing a bump, or they can become major difficulties which may blow out our tires and cause a halt in our progression. Through faith, prayer and an increase of knowledge and understanding of God's eternal plan we can overcome these obstacles and travel on to our goal unhindered.

The Saviour has provided us with the means to perfection, but we must utilize them and incorporate them into our own lives; enduring to the end. There comes a time in nearly every person's life when he reaches a plateau in his upward ascent, and he mistakes it for the top, not being able to see the steepest ascent in the distance. He is temporarily blinded by some crafty illusion of Satans. He slacks in his pace. He becomes complacent. He begins to wander. He has lost his perspective, and if he doesn't get back in step with the gospel, he may even be lost. This situation is in part, I feel, what the Saviour was warning about when he spoke to his disciples. We must keep our heads high with our ultimate goal in sight, not being content with a lower level. We must keep our step quick and true by loving the Lord and living His commandments to avoid any pitfalls.

May we be "true to the faith" and endure to the end to gain our exaltation is my prayer.

D.H.L.

LEADERSHIP

FOR GOOD OR EVIL

By C. KENNETH POWRIE

THROUGHOUT history the pattern of life has decreed that certain men and women should be set up as leaders of their fellows, some through the line of heredity, some by the very force of their inherent qualities which automatically caused them to rise to the top, even as a bubble does to the surface of water.

These leaders, think of them for a moment; perhaps a Churchill, Washington or Moses, or even a Desraeli, Joan of Arc, Napoleon, Smuts or Hitler—some leaders in the cause of good, some in the cause of evil. What was the vital quality which united them in this select, limited fold of the leaders of the world? Was it their birthright—not all of them, for some came of the humblest stock; their intellectual brilliance—in some cases, yes; their stature—not necessarily; their personality—mainly yes, for others were invariably attracted to them and would naturally want to imitate and follow them; their dedication to, and belief in, a cause—without exception, yes; their qualities of leadership—again, yes, for all of them led in some way or another and other men and women followed. They all became leaders because they could lead and because they wanted to lead others towards a goal which was to them an ideal, a flaming, inspiring light in their lives.

Not all of us are privileged to enjoy this glorious emotional experience of dedication to a great ideal and the ability to sweep others along with us, with the fire of our enthusiasm and our innate powers of leadership. We can, however, every one of us, develop and cultivate certain of these pre-

cious characteristics, which are gifts from God by virtue of the very nature of our creation. Remember, we were given dominion over "the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" and so, automatically, as a birthright, even as the line of succession in monarchical institutions, we have been granted the right of leadership over certain of the creations of the world.

We are all then, in a sense, leaders, but to many of us will come the greater responsibility of leading and directing the affairs of certain of our fellow-men; to show them the way towards the goal set before us and make it our work and pleasure to reach that goal together in joy and happiness. On the other hand we may choose the negative objective and achieve leadership in the more dubious paths of life.

We who are professed members of the Church of Jesus Christ, have the immediate advantage of being keenly aware of the right goal for which we should strive. It is a good and wholesome objective, well worth attaining and certainly worth sharing with those to whom we wish goodwill.

The goal having been defined and our desire to reach it affirmed, how shall we lead others there? Again we are fortunate in that this Church of ours is undoubtedly the greatest institution for the development of the qualities of leadership on the earth today. From the earliest years of every person within its fold, the lessons of leadership are instilled into the very soul—of first being taught how to follow, of leading in smaller undertakings, of being

given power, of learning to use it in righteousness, of developing confidence, strength, courage, enthusiasm, and from it all emerges the personification of the promise, "as God is, man may become."

A leader must be strong enough in purpose and courage, never to waver in the face of adversity, to have sufficient reserves of strength to share liberally with his followers, yet tender and humble enough to think and feel with the weakest of them—to stand out ahead of them, yet be indivisibly one of them. A selfish leader may storm out ahead, forgetting the slower pace of his followers, only to find very soon that he is no longer a leader, for the very simple reason that he is now alone and has no followers, having left them far behind.

Perhaps one of the greatest lessons of leadership is to be found in the 23rd Psalm—the picture of the shepherd leading his flock. What is a shepherd but a leader, and what greater lesson could we learn in leadership, than in the many references by the Saviour, the greatest of all leaders, to shepherds and sheep—leaders and followers? The good shepherd guided and protected his sheep, ministered to their needs, thought for them and with them, rejoiced in their joy and suffered with them in their hardships. The true shepherd is all that a leader should be.

Nor are the lessons of leadership confined to Church activities alone. In our everyday work, in the home, office, farm or factory, we can apply these elements of leadership. The dedicated cause—our work, our homes, our interest in them and our desire to succeed in these fields; our leadership therein will manifest itself accordingly to our ability to emulate the good shepherd in our relations with our fellow-workers or our families and in ministering to them they will raise us up as their leaders as naturally as day follows night. As a Personal Director once remarked to a rising young executive who was having trouble with human relations, "the success of those working under you is synonymous with your own, as you will never rise any higher than those under you will lift you."

Don't grumble, don't bluster,
Don't sleep and don't shirk,
Don't think of your worries—
Just think of your work.
Then your worries will vanish,
The work will be done;
For no man sees his shadow
Who faces the sun.

Sterling W. Sill



C. KENNETH POWRIE

THE STAMP OF A HOME

MOST potent in influencing child life is the home. Upon the parents the Lord has directly placed the responsibility of teaching their children. I wish this paragraph could be written and put on the wall of every home in the Church:

... inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the Living God, and of baptism and of the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents. (D. & C. 68:25.)

The character of a child is formed largely during the first 12 years of his life. It is estimated that in that period a child spends approximately 3,200 hours in school; 416 hours in Sunday School and Church; but 52,500 hours in the home, not counting 12 hours a day for sleep.

In other words, he spends 16 times as many waking hours in the home as in the school, and 126 times as many hours in the home as in the Church! Thus:

"In the homes of America are born the children of America, and from them go out into American

life American men and women. They go out with the stamp of these homes upon them, and only as these homes are what they should be, will children be what they should be."

I shall not take time to quote all Luther Burbank said about the training of children as he trained plants, but he says the use of an influence over and over again is necessary, keeping everlastingly at it. This is what fixes traits in plants, the constant repetition of an influence until at last it is irrevocably fixed and will not change.

"Parents, you cannot afford," he says, "to get discouraged. You are dealing with something far more precious than any plant, the precious soul of a child."

Parents who do not know where their children are at night are recreant to the sacred obligation of parenthood, and untrue to the high ideals of the Church regarding home life.

Do not say in your minds that that is impossible. Just go back to your own homes and the care that you know your father and mother had regarding you.

(Address by President David O. McKay at General Conference, October, 1951.)

*Take time to work with love,
It is the assurance of success.
Take time to think creatively,
It is the source of power.
Take time for joyous play,
It is the secret of renewing youth.
Take time to read good books,
It is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to love your fellow men,
It is the gateway to heaven.
Take time each day for silence,
It is the storehouse of God.
Take time to worship God,
It is the highway of peace.
(The Children's Friend, Editorial, May 1954)*

The Cook's Creed

Maintaining the health of my family depends in a large measure on the food I serve;

therefore—

"I will take care to prepare and cook all foods in a way to preserve a maximum of their nutrients."

My family's enjoyment of food is in my care;

therefore—

"I shall use intelligence, skill, and love, and will prepare and serve all foods as appealing to the eye and palate as I can."

Stretching the food rand is part of my responsibility;

therefore—

"I will take such care of foods that none will spoil; and I will use left-overs with thought and skill."

Well-prepared foods and appetizing meals are creative achievements;

therefore—

"I shall enjoy doing that important work well."

Good food is the inalienable right of all who work;

therefore—

"I shall bring food to the table that satisfies and pleases my family."

Happy family relationships are part of my responsibility;

therefore—

"I will save enough energy to do the job of being a happy and helpful hostess to my family, day after day."

Your family is what you bake it!

Rice Casserole

- 3 cups raw rice (cook according to directions)
- 3 cups milk
- 6 eggs slightly beaten
- 3 cups shredded cheese
- 12 tablespoons melted butter
- 2 medium green peppers (chopped)
- 1 cup parsley chopped fine
- 3 tablespoons grated onion (chopped)

Mix all ingredients together and add to cooked rice. Bake in buttered baking dish for 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Put a pan of water in the oven to keep the rice casserole moist. Serves 30 to 40 people. To reduce recipe, divide into thirds.

Creamed Chicken to Serve Over Rice

- 2 large chickens cooked with seasonings (onion, carrot celery, salt and pepper)
- 2 cans tuna fish (scalded)
- 3 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 large can piments chopped (this can be omitted)
- 1 can ideal milk
- 2/3 cup butter or chicken fat
- 2/3 cup flour
- 8 cups chicken broth

Mix all ingredients together except tuna fish and chicken. Remove chicken from bones and cut into small pieces. Add chicken and tuna last. Serve creamed chicken over rice casserole.

HOW LATTER-DAY SAINT YOUTH CAN PUT THE M.I.A. THEME INTO ACTION

By M. Henning — Durban Branch

NEPHI was just a young man when he and his brothers were told by their father, who had just received a commandment from God, to go and obtain certain records from Jerusalem. Nephi's elder brothers thought that their father was asking too much of them and refused to do it. Nephi, however, on hearing what God required of them, replied to his father, in words that should be the motto to guide us all when difficulty stands in the way of performing God's commandments, for Nephi said: "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commended, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save He shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which He commandeth them." (1 Nephi 3:7.) Later Laman and Lemeul decided to be obedient to this commandment of God and thus the three brothers proceeded on their way, and sure enough God prepared a way whereby they were able to obtain the records.

Just as God helped His children in the times of Nephi, He will help His children today, if we do what He asks of us, and all He asks is

that we do as we are taught in the various auxiliaries of the Church, that is, set our standards high, strive continuously to improve ourselves, and to set an example to our associates. We should be particular about the friends we choose and the books that we read. We have been advised by both our parents and our Church leaders to seek out the best in everything and to take no notice of things that are in the least bit smutty or off colour.

Therefore, I think that the best way that Latter-day Saint youth can put the M.I.A. theme into action is by loving the Lord, living His commandments, and doing the things which the Lord requires and expects of us, for He has said: "I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say; but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise." (D. & C. 82:10.)

Obedience to the commandments of God is the key to the many blessings which we ask Him to bestow upon us, and if we but accept the responsibilities that are given us—live the gospel and obey those who are set in authority over us—we will be able to accomplish the things which the Lord has commanded.

M.I.A. Youth Convention

List of Events

Thursday, April 11: Evening —
Roadshow Competition.

Friday, April 12: Morning—Leader-
ship meeting.

Afternoon—Speech Competition.

Evening—"Papa and the Play-

house."

Saturday, April 13: Morning—Free.
Afternoon—Volleyball Competi-

tion.

Evening—Dance.

Sunday, April 14: Morning —
General Conference Session.

Afternoon—General Conference
Session.

Evening—Fireside.

BASIS OF SPIRITUAL FAITH

By G. J. B. DE WET

TO every possessor of an eternal soul who desires to build himself to perfection, it is all important to know that what God has called us to do, He will not leave unaccomplished by not providing the means for its fulfilment.

In the opening pages of the Book of Mormon, Nephi is entrusted with a seemingly impossible calling. Having been a righteous, spiritual man, he provided a channel through which God could grant of His spirit and wisdom, and inspired Nephi to say:

I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandment unto the children of men, save He shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which He commandeth them.

We say that every person who is called to a position in the Church is called through inspiration by our Heavenly Father. There are various forms of inspiration and revelation by which our Father calls his children. However, few have been called by Him personally. Often the accomplishment of a calling seems impossible or the person concerned feels unable. Consequently we ask; what is the

possibility of doing that which the Lord commands?

Mere rational faith tells us: Surely the Lord who is perfect and who knows our capabilities will not give us something to do that we cannot do.

Spiritual faith and insight beckons: Go ahead and trust.

Here lies the difference between (1) Rational faith or positive thinking and (2) Faith that can only be derived from our Heavenly Father. The one is a cold intellectual statement when followed on this basis will lead to discouragement, the other is a gift from God "fired by enthusiastic devotion and obedient service." It is certain.

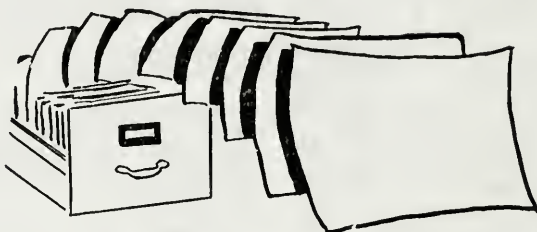
Nothing is more important than to have the spirit of the Lord in order to know and feel that he will provide the means to do what He wants us to do—no matter what the calling may be. This is made possible by adhering to the greatest rule in the whole world, **FOLLOW THE COMMANDMENTS**. Everything that we as members of God's Kingdom do in the building of our Father's Kingdom should be done in the light of this truth.

FAITH

Pure faith — perfect faith — is a gift from God, given liberally to those desiring the truth and crowning the efforts of those who seek honestly for it.

S. Dilworth Young

FROM OUR FILES



Baptisms

BLOEMFONTEIN

BABST, August Ferdinand
DE REUCK, Catherine
HEYDENRYCH, Pieter Willem
SWART, Charles Edward

DURBAN

SIMPSON, Isabel
VAN WYK, Charles
VAN WYK, Irene Alice

EAST RAND

HOLDSTOCK, Natalie Lillian
LEDWARD, Charles Edwin

PIETERMARITZBURG

GOVER, Desiree Pamela

PRETORIA

BARNES, June Hazel
BARNES, Sylvia Maureen Browning

PRIMROSE

VAN METZINGER, Margaret Johanna

RAMAH

FROST, Dawn Grace
FROST, John W. G.
LAING, Jeanne Winifred
MATTHEWS, Glenda
NEWTON, Charles William
NEWTON, Charles William
NEWTON, Daniel John Henrik
NEWTON, Harold Clifton
NEWTON, Jean Dorothea
NEWTON, Maria Francina
NEWTON, Maria Francina
SMIT, Anna Helena
SMITH, Dawn Bernadet

SPRINGS

BURGER, Andries Jacobus
JOHNSON, Alex Jakobus Johannes F.
JOHNSON, Christaan Maritz
JOHNSON, Mary Magdelene
JOHNSON, Susanna Catherina

VEREENIGING

PARTRIDGE, Arthur Cornell

Births

WELKOM

WATSON, Glenn Robert

Blessings

BLOEMFONTEIN

DE REUCK, Gordon Peter

DURBAN

BILLETT, Debra Lynne
SCHUBACH, Charmain Lilia
VAN WYK, Cheryl Ann

KRUGERSDORP

GROBLER, Louella Clare

MOWBRAY

MARITZ, Alma
BESTER, Karle Francois
HUBERT, Wayne Michael

PIETERMARITZBURG

GOVER, Cheryl-Ann

PORT ELIZABETH

HOMAN, Gavin
HOMAN, Lesley-Ann

PRETORIA

CARTER, Babette Kathleen
CARTER, Cavanaugh
CARTER, Gerrit Neil

PRIMROSE

VAN METZINGER, Venessa Lorraine
VAN METZINGER, Beverly Ann

RAMAH

VAN ZYL, Claire Rose
VAN ZYL, Gavin Harrison
VAN ZYL, Glenda Rae

VEREENIGING

BOTHA, Johanna Magdalena
PIENAAR, Gerhard

Deaths

DURBAN

SEAWARD, Anna Sophia
EAST RAND
FRITZ, Andries Johannes

KIMBERLEY

FOUCHE, Stephan George
BOLLEURS, Louis Napoleon Bonaparte
MOWBRAY
GRAY, John McCallum

Marriages

DURBAN

DEAN, Gail Leslie—married on the 2nd of October, 1962 to Ralph Norman Hooper.
HELLON, Denise Edith—married on the 22nd of December, 1962 to John Piper Kapp

VOLKER, Ada Regina—married on the 15th of December, 1962 to Stephen Albert Frost

VOLKER, Myrtle Violet—married on the 31st of March, 1962 to Jurgen Stephanus Jurgens

Ordinations

DURBAN

VAN COLLER, Ivor Rex—to a Teacher.
WINSTANLEY, Percy E.—to a Teacher.

KRUGERSDORP

SCHULTZ, Hugh Gavan—to a Priest.
LEHMANN, Manfred L. L.—to a Priest.
PALMER, Laurence C.—to a Priest.

MOWBRAY

MACFARLANE, Ian Malcolm — to a Teacher.
TERBLANCHE, Leslie Michael — to a Teacher.

PIETERMARITZBURG

CAINE, Richard B.—to a Teacher.
ORTH, Bernhard W. L.—to a Deacon.
ORTH, Kenneth L.—to a Deacon.

PRETORIA

ANDREWS, Edward Richard Stuart—to a Teacher.

MEISSNER, Otto Wilhelm—to a Priest.
RAUBENHEIMER, Denis—to a Priest.
RICHARDS, Ronald—to a Priest.
RICHARDS, Theodore—to a Priest.

RAMAH

DELL, Anthony Graham—to a Teacher.
LONG, George Herbert—to a Priest.
MATHESON, James Tulloch—to a Priest.

VEREENIGING

KOTZE, Willem Karel—to a Priest.
ROBERTS, Rowland Percival—to a Priest.
SLABBERT, Eben—to a Priest.
SLABBERT, Johannes Erlank—to a Priest.
WILSON, Arthur Gordon—to a Teacher.

Copper Kettle

WHEN I have some vexing little worry I must settle — I consult my cheery friend, the good old Copper Kettle . . . He's round and fat and jolly, with a bright and shining face ; he's steady and reliable, and always in his place.

There he stands upon the hob, and sings away my troubles — Steam comes puffing from the spout — the water swirls and bubbles — And soon I'm in his mood, caught by the spirit of his song ; forgotten are my problems, and the things that went all wrong.

"Not the singer that I was," he roars. "I'm getting wheezy — follow me — now, one, two, three — It really is quite easy." . . . I try a bar — Doh—Re—Mi—Fah—and then I'm in fine fettle — Thanks to my merry-hearted friend, the gay old Copper Kettle.

—PATIENCE STRONG

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

APPOINTMENTS

SISTER ANNA M. PIPER—Mission Recorder, January 1, 1963.

SISTER LORRAINE TAYLOR—Assistant to the Mission President, Mission Historian and "Cumorah's Southern Messenger" Business Manager, February 4, 1963.

ELDER DON H. PERRY—Supervising Elder of the Mission Home, February 20, 1963.

ELDER NEVILLE W. CRAMER—Supervising Elder of Pretoria, February 23, 1963.

RELEASES

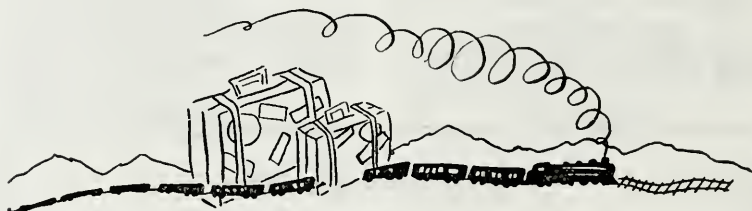
SISTER MYRNA D. BUSH—from Long Beach California. Released March 4, 1963. Laboured in Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg, Durban, Pretoria, and the Mission Office.

ELDER VERL O. JONES—from South Jordan, Utah. Laboured in Brakpan, Krugersdorp, Pretoria, and Cape Town. Released March 4, 1963.

ELDER KARL J. ARMSTRONG—from Manti, Utah. Released March, 1963. Laboured in Vereeniging, Durban, Bloemfontein, and Mission Office. Served as Supervising Elder of Tri-Cities District and Travelling Elder.

ELDER GARY L. BOETES—from San Leandro, California. Released March 6, 1963. Laboured in Boksburg, Cape Town, Southern Suburbs, Pretoria, and West Rand. Served as Supervising Elder of Pretoria and West Rand Districts.

ELDER GERALD G. SMITH—from Salt Lake City, Utah. Released March 6, 1963. Laboured in Melville, Cape Town, Durban, and East Rand. Served as Supervising Elder of East Rand District and Travelling Elder.



TRANSFERS

SISTER ANNA M. PIPER—from Pretoria to Mission Home, January 1, 1963.

SISTER LANA F. CHAPMAN—from Pretoria to Durban, February 3, 1963.

SISTER MYRNA D. BUSH—from Pretoria to Johannesburg, February 3, 1963.

SISTER LORRAINE TAYLOR—from Durban to Mission Home, February 4, 1963.

ELDER G. KEITH SNARR—from East Rand to Durban, February 6, 1963.

ELDER RONALD H. BARLOW—from Pretoria to Pietermaritzburg, February 15, 1963.

ELDER BERKLEY D. THOMPSON—from East Rand to East London, February 16, 1963.

ELDER TREYOR T. SOUTHEY—from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth, February 20, 1963.

ELDER LARRY W. WEATHERBEE—from Johannesburg to Salisbury, February 23, 1963.

ELDER I. WALTON MUIR—from Klerksdorp to Northern Rhodesia, February 23, 1963.

ELDER KAY L. TISCHNER—from Pretoria to Johannesburg as Supervising Elder of West Rand, February 23, 1963.

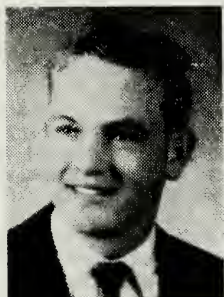
ELDER DONALD E. BURNETT—from Pretoria to Cape Town, February 24, 1963.

ELDER CALVIN C. BAKER—from Northern Rhodesia to Klerksdorp, February 26, 1963.

ELDER MERRILL A. BARNEY—from Bulawayo to Johannesburg, February 26, 1963.

ELDER KEITH W. SMITH—from Salisbury to Johannesburg, February 26, 1963.

LEFT FOR HOME



**ELDER KARL
ARMSTRONG**
Manti, Utah



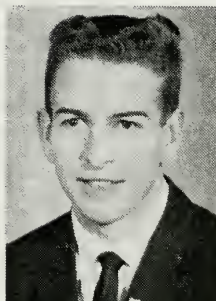
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G. SMITH**
Salt Lake City, Utah



**SISTER MYRNA
BUSH**
Long Beach, California



**ELDER GARY
BOETES**
San Leandro, California



**ELDER VERL
JONES**
Brigham City, Utah

WHAT IS THE CHURCHES ATTITUDE TOWARD SCIENCE?

THIS question, frequently asked, is readily answered.

The Church, the custodian of the gospel on earth, looks with full favour upon the attempts of men to search out the facts and laws of nature. It believes that men of science, seekers after truth, are often assisted by the Spirit of the Lord in such researches. It holds further that every scientific discovery may be incorporated in the gospel, and that, therefore, there can be no conflict between true religion and correct science. The Church teaches that the laws of nature are but immutable laws of the Creator of the universe.

This view has been held consistently by the Latter-day Saints from the organization of the Church. A revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1832, when science was yet in its swaddling clothes, declares: And I give unto you a commandment that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the Kingdom.

Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the Kingdom of God, that are expedient for you to understand.

Of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which must shortly come to pass: things which are at home, things which are abroad; the wars and the perplexities of the nations, and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also of countries and of Kingdoms . . .

And as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom yea, seek

ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith. (D. & C. 88: 77, 78, 79, 118.)

President Brigham Young frequently expressed support of the labours of men of science. For example, in one of his sermons he said:

I am not astonished that infidelity prevails to a great extent among the inhabitants of the earth, for the religious teachers of the people advance many ideas and notions for truth which are in opposition to and contradict facts demonstrated by science, and which are generally understood . . . In these respects we differ from the Christian worlds, for our religion will not clash with or contradict the facts of science in any particular (Discourses of Brigham Young, pp. 397, 398).

President Joseph F. Smith made similar statements:

We believe in all truth, no matter to what subject it may refer. No sect or religious denomination in the world possesses a single principle of truth that we do not accept or that we will reject. We are willing to receive all truth, from whatever source it may come; for truth will stand, truth will endure . . . True science is that system of reasoning which brings to the fore the simple, plain truth (Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine, pp. 1, 6).

The gospel and science have the same objective—the discovery and possession of truth—all truth. Hence follows the attitude of the Church toward science expressed at the head of this chapter. However, science has been content, until recently, to study the material universe, and to leave its findings without reference to their

possible effect upon the human conduct. The gospel on the other hand is primarily concerned with the manner in which truth is used in the spiritual field, that is, with human conduct. For example, science has discovered explosives of great power, and has shown how by their use rocks may be shattered or projectiles shot through the air, and has left this knowledge without comment as to its proper use. The gospel teaches that this new power be not used in warfare, for wars are evil, but that it be used in the peaceful arts of man. The gospel deals with right and wrong; science gathers facts and tries to interpret them, without reference to the Supreme Being. In short, the gospel is the more inclusive; present-day science, less inclusive. In the end, the two must become as one, for their common objective is truth.

The Church holds that the methods used by science to discover truth are legitimate. Indeed, all instruments and means developed for the exploration of nature are welcomed. The Church claims the right to employ, in addition, such processes as are peculiarly fitted to its search for truth in the spiritual domain, which in turn may become tools in the advancement of a future science freed from its present material bondage.

In this wholehearted acceptance of science, the Church makes, as must every sane thinker, two reservations:

First, the facts which are the building blocks of science must be honestly and accurately observed. In science, as in every human activity, dishonesty, carelessness, or aberrations of senses or mind may be encountered. (The Church expects science to present accurately observed and fully corroborated facts.) Loose methods of study are not acceptable. Indeed, the vast body of scientific facts has been so carefully garnered that it may in the main be accepted without question.

Second, the interpretations of observed facts must be distinctly labelled as inferences, and not con-

fused with facts. The human mind properly attempts to explain or interpret the phenomena of nature, the facts of observation. A pencil looks bent in a glass of water. Why? Does the sun move around the earth, or does the earth revolve upon its axis, to give the effect of day and night? The answers to such questions are explanations or interpretations, really inferences, often called hypotheses or theories. These do not have the certain value of facts, for they usually change as new facts are brought forward. For example, with the knowledge at his command, Newton advanced the theory that light consists of particles; later, Young explained the phenomena of light as forms of wave motions; today with increasing knowledge, both of these theories are questioned, and another one is in the making. Meanwhile, the phenomena of light remain unchanged; they are the same today as in the time of Newton. Occasionally, but seldom, an inference such as the cause of night and day becomes so well supported by discovered facts that it assumes the dignity of a fact. Most inferences, however, are in a condition of constant change, due to the continuing accumulation of new knowledge.

Dr. Albert Einstein, author of the relativity theory, speaks of scientists as men who seek solutions of the mysteries in the book of nature (Einstein and Enfeld, *The Evolution of Physics*, pp. 1. 5). He insists that nature's mystery story is not only still unsolved but may not have a final solution. All that man can do is to collect facts, arrange them in an orderly fashion, and then to make them understandable by "creative thought"—that is, by the formulation of inferences, explanations, interpretations, hypotheses or theories, whatever the name may be.

In this particular do Latter-day Saints, in common with all thinkers, sound a warning to science. There must be a distinct segregation of facts and inferences in the utterances of scientific men.

Readers of science should always keep this difference in mind. Even well-established inference should not lose their inferential label. The facts discovered by an eminent investigator may be safely accepted; his explanations may be of doubtful value.

It is within recent time that Millikan and Compton, both Nobel prize winners, held widely differing explanations of the nature of "cosmic rays". And, recently, also, the discovery of the skull of a prehistoric ape with a set of human-like teeth has overthrown the inference that teeth are always true indications of the place of a fossil in the evolutionary scale. With respect to this latter matter, there was pathos in the remark of the famous anthropologist, Sir Arthur Keith, that "This discovery has destroyed the finer points we anthropologists depend on for drawing the line between antro-poid and man."

In summary: The Church supports and welcomes the growth of science. It asks only that the facts

of science be as accurately determined as human powers permit, and that confusion between facts of science and inferences of science be earnestly avoided.

The religion of the Latter-day Saints is not hostile to any truth, nor to scientific search for truth.

"That which is demonstrated, we accept with joy", said the First Presidency in their Christmas greeting to the Saints, "But vain philosophy, human theory, and mere speculations of men we do not accept, nor do we adopt anything contrary to divine revelation or to good common sense, but everything that tends to right conduct, that harmonizes with sound morality, and increases faith in Deity, finds favour with us, no matter where it may be found." (Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine, p. 48.)

(The preceding article is a chapter from the book "Evidences and Reconciliations", by Dr. John A. Widtsoe, who was a member of the Quorum of the Twelve for a number of years until his death.)

Middle Age

*O THAT my two hands could reach out and hold — the fragrance,
the colour, the green and the gold — the warmth of the sun and
the scent of the flowers — the fleeting enchantment of summer's bright
hours.*

*O that my mind could recapture the fire — of passionate Youth,
its delight and desire . . . The joy of the morning — Hopes, dreams,
faith sublime — the glorious high noon of Life's summertime.*

*The death of that rapture I must not lament. My heart must be
quiet my spirit content — Not asking too much, and not greedy for
more. Who knows? God may hold something sweeter in store.*

PATIENCE STRONG

Two Coins

*I HAD two coins offered me, they shone like gold,
they shone like gold. I clutched at them so greedily,
I clutched at them with fevered hold. I hid them
quickly out of sight. They were for me alone to see.
They gave delight, such keen delight; I hoarded
them most miserly. One day, alack! and oh! alas!
I took them from their secret place; a sorry thing
had come to pass; my bright gold coins were dull of
face. I tended them with loving hand. Oh! shine
again, be bright again! This fact I could not under-
stand: their gleam and sheen were on the wane. "I
will not hoard you any more," to them I sighed, to
them I cried. I shared with one, with two, with four;
with all the friends whom I espied. Now this is
strange but this is true. My wealth is more instead
of less; I spent and spent—and still it grew. Those
coins were Love and Happiness!*

WILHELMINA STITCH

BRANCH REPORTS



BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Alma Robb

FOR the past few months the Bloemfontein Branch hasn't had any reports submitted due to the fact that our previous reporter, Sister Denise Young, has left to settle in George. We miss you a great deal Denise and Malcolm, and we hope that your stay there will be a happy one, and may you continue to do the good work of our Heavenly Father.

It was a great pleasure to have you with us for a few months Brother Melvie Jakins. He got the M.I.A. started here again; but, alas, he had to leave for Durban in December. We miss you Brother Melvie, but it is with pride that we congratulate Brother Sydney J. Spear who has been sustained as the M.I.A. Superintendent, and we wish him well in his new calling.

The Relief Society commenced again at the end of January after the long recess we had, and we were indeed glad to get started again. We held a very successful cake sale last Friday, the 1st of February.

We Saints at Bloemfontein send our love and best wishes to all of the Saints everywhere.

BULAWAYO BRANCH

ON the 17th of November we held a fireside and heard some beautiful talks on the gospel. A cake sale was held on the 8th of December, and we raised R32.

On the 15th of December a Christmas Tree Party was held. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the food which the sisters supplied.

Elder Burnett left Bulawayo on the 10th of December. We shall miss his cheerful smile in our midst. We pray that the Lord will bless Elder Burnett in this wonderful work he is doing.

We extend a warm welcome to Elder Lifferth who arrived on the 11th of December. We hope he will be happy here with us, labouring in Bulawayo. We also extend a welcome to Elder Brown who is on his way to Salisbury.

Sister Warren was baptized on the 15th of December. We welcome her with glad hearts and open arms into the Lord's Kingdom. We are very happy to have her in our midst.

Elder Armstrong and President Bellon, the travelling Elders were in Bulawayo on the 20th of December. They brought with them a wonderful film explaining exactly what "Mormonism" is. We wish President Bellon a Happy Birthday, the 20th of December, being his birthday.

We send our greetings to all the Saints in the South African Mission. God bless you all.

CARELTONVILLE BRANCH

THE year is one month young, and everybody is just getting over the festive season. We are happy to welcome as new members in our Branch Brother and Sister Sparg and their two children Judy and Craig. They were baptised on the 5th of January, and we extend to them a warm welcome into our Branch.

Sister Sparg (Senior), a member since 1957, paid us a welcome visit during the month. Sister Pratt also visited us from Transkei. On the 20th of January, President and Sister Cherrett visited us for the day.

During January we had our first Cottage Meeting of the year, and we take this opportunity to thank Elders Boetes and Weatherbee for the way they conducted the meeting and for the talk and film. Even the oldest members benefitted from the show.

Our visiting teachers attended a Relief Society social at Ramah. It was our first meeting, and we hope that we may be the teachers with 100% visits next year.

DURBAN BRANCH



WE have enjoyed some very pleasant functions during the month sponsored by the Branch Fund Raising Committee—a mystifying and intriguing Magician's Show; a Braai at Brighton Beach (before and after the braai the rain poured down, but while we were cooking, eating, swimming and singing the weather was beautiful); and recently, a "Hobo Dance" complete with park benches, Joe's Pie Cart, and "cool" music. Prizes were awarded to Sister Babs Winstanley and Brother Andries Swanepoel who were judged the best "lady and gentleman of the road." The proceeds from these functions are used to furnish and beautify our Church buildings and grounds, and this needs and deserves the support of all our members.

Beautiful red velvet curtains now grace our stage in the hall, and the drapes and carpets for the Chapel will soon be ready. More cupboards have been fitted in the kitchen, Branch Clerk's Office and library.

Although we did not achieve 100% attendance at Sunday School on our "100 Attendance Sunday", the number of members present was well above the average, and under the enthusiastic leadership of our new Sunday School Superintendency made up of Brother Percy Winstanley, Brother Michael Blight and Brother John Wilkins we expect to make great progress in 1963.

The Relief Society held a very enjoyable Opening Social in the form of a Musical Evening. We all enjoyed the items presented by our talented Sisters and delicious refreshments. We are looking forward to the fine lessons and demonstrations that await us in the coming months.

The Priesthood Brethren held their Inter-quorum Sports Day on Saturday, January 19. It was well supported and good fun was had by all including the spectators. This is going to be a regular event held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. So that the Sisters won't feel that it is a case of "all work and no play" for them, their Sports Day is going to be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month while the Priesthood has its monthly work party. We hope that the work parties will be as well attended as the Sports Days.

We are very glad to have Sister Susan Ford back with us after completing her Mission.

On the 12th of January, Sister Glynis Roberts and Donald Hulley of Pietermaritzburg were married in the Grove Chapel by President Alldredge.

We send our congratulations to Sister Kathleen McLellan and Peter

van den Wannenbure who have announced their engagement.

Sister Mary Vice is still in hospital and Sister Lloyd is also very ill. We pray that the Lord will bless and heal them.

Sister Elliott and family have moved to Pretoria, and we miss Harold and Charmaine who were both very active, but we know that they will be just as hard working in the Pretoria Branch.

Brother Leland Doller and Brother Neville Doller are both away at Army Training Camp. We hope they are enjoying army life and that Leland will still know how to play basket ball when he returns.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Rita Corrigan



At last the momentous day for the members of the East London Branch has taken place! On Monday, 21st of January, a goodly number of the local Saints gathered at a vacant plot in Belgravia Crescent to witness the ground-breaking ceremony which signified the start of our Chapel. For the members of long standing it was a dream come true. President Corrigan called upon Elder De Wet to offer a prayer, after which President Corrigan addressed those present, calling attention to the significance and uniqueness of Latter-Day Saint Chapels. We were sorry that President and Sister Alldredge could not be with us on this occasion, but we hope that they, as well as many other Saints from other areas, will be able to attend the opening of our Chapel in about six months. After the address, President Corrigan and his two councillors, Brothers Krull and Human, broke the first sod. We were happy to have Brother and Sister Engh from Kitwe with us on this special occasion. They are old friends of the East London Branch and once resided here. The plot was overgrown with tall grass, thorn bushes, etc., and it did not look a prepossessing sight, but the contractor's men soon had that all cleared and a start made on levelling the ground. The Saints are going to have a thrill every time they attend meetings in the Sons of England Hall which is right next to the plot, for they will be able to see their Chapel rise step by step.

At 7 a.m. on the 3rd of February a number of Saints gathered at the Nahoon River to witness the baptism of Mrs. Macfarland, Brother Macfarland's wife, and Patricia Corrigan, the youngest of Brother and Sister Corrigan's four children. We rejoice with Brother Macfarland on this occasion and welcome Sister Macfarland into our midst. We pray that she will find much joy and strength in the gospel. To little Patricia we say, "Continue in the path you have been led during the past eight years and all will be well with you." These two dear Sisters were confirmed later in the morning preceding the fast and testimony meeting.

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Elder De Wet kept us guessing as to just when he was leaving East London, but when he knew for sure, we held a "braaivleis" in his honour as a farewell gesture on the 15th of February. The weather didn't look very promising, but the Saints converged upon the old favourite spot and a most enjoyable evening was had by all. Now that Elder De Wet has completed his Mission we pray that the Lord will bless him in his future ventures.

EAST RAND BRANCH

WE send our congratulations to Brother and Sister Valley Jacoby on the birth of their lovely baby daughter. Their little baby has been quite ill, but she is now much better.

On Fast Sunday, the 3rd of February, Sister Pearl Scott was confirmed and the baby of Louise Bester was blessed by her father, Brother Ben Bester.

Brother Gary Cooper, formerly of Carltonville, has made himself quite at home in our midst, and we have already enjoyed two of his talks.

The M.I.A. had a most enjoyable evening last month when they held a Chuckwagon Dinner. The games were organized by Brother and Sister Cloete, and the cool drinks and dinner, which was in the form of hamburgers, was supplied by the Beehives. The M.I.A. now has two volleyball teams, a men's team and a ladies' team, and two table tennis teams; but up to the present they have not done too well. Springs beat the volleyball teams and in a match organized with the Benoni Baptist Guild the table tennis teams were beaten. However, Brother Gert Cloete did very well in winning his games. The teams haven't given up: they are just putting in a little more practice and then they will be ready for the return matches. The M.I.A. Cake Sale, organized by Sister Anna Cloete, raised the amount of R11.50.

Sister Bezuidenhout of Boksburg is still very ill, and she has to travel to the Boksburg Hospital every day for treatment.

Brother and Sister Balmer are away at present. They have taken a short holiday. Sister Lesley Jordaan has taken over Sister Balmer's class for the two weeks.

President Adendorff has not been too well these past two weeks and at present he is trying to shake off a cold.

We extend our congratulations to Brother and Sister Bester who celebrated their 13th Wedding Anniversary on the 25th of February.

KLERKSDORP BRANCH

Patricia Holbrook

WE were happy to have President Lionel Bibb and his two sons meet with us on the 20th of January. We felt greatly encouraged by his words of wise council and advice.

We were sorry to have to say farewell to Sister Knel and her family who have moved away. We pray that the Lord will bless and keep them at all times.

On the 27th of January, we were extremely pleased to welcome Brother and Sister Stemmet and their family to our services. At our Sacrament Meeting we were privileged to be addressed by both Brother and Sister Stemmet. Being very accomplished speakers, they left us with much spiritual food for thought. We are looking forward to their next visit.

Sister Fouche of Krugersdorp was our visitor for two weeks while on holiday. We would like to thank you once again Sister Fouche for being our pianist at the meetings.

The Relief Society has commenced once again, and our first meeting was held on the 7th of February. The attendance was good, and we hope to keep it up throughout the month.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Joyce Levy

OUR New Year began with a very happy occasion: the blessing of Louella Clare Groblaar, the lovely and long-awaited-for daughter of Sister Molly and Brother Bill Groblaar.

We must now say cheerio to Sister Cecelia van Deventer, who has finished her schooling in Krugersdorp and is returning to her parents in Rhodesia. We are very sorry to see her go, but our loss is another

Branch's gain.

We extend a very big welcome to the Creer family. It is really wonderful to have them back with us once again. We are also pleased to welcome our Branch President, Brother L. Bibb, and his family, President K. Powrie and his family, Brother C. Strydom and our Relief Society President, Sister Elaine Strydom, and their children from their holidays at the coast. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for their safe return.

Elder Parker recently left us for Durban. We hope that he will have good health and many converts to the Church in his new field of labour. We now welcome Elder Knowles into the Branch, and we ask the Lord to be with him and Elder Millburn during their labours in Krugersdorp.

The Relief Society had a lovely work meeting, and a baby shower was given to Sister Elaine Delport. Our Relief Society Presidency had a very enjoyable and uplifting time at Ramah where a luncheon was given for the Visiting Teachers.

We are beginning the year with great enthusiasm, and with the Lord's blessings we will achieve great things during 1963.

PRETORIA BRANCH

VISITORS to Pretoria have been many this past month. We enjoyed their visits and hope to see them all again in the future.

We want to welcome Brother Trollip from Port Elizabeth, Brother Dollar from Durban and Brother Robb from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. May they enjoy their stay here.

A very interesting film on Group Teaching was shown in the Cultural Hall at a Fireside on the 13th of January. May this revealed method of teaching the gospel inspire members everywhere to further the work of the Lord.

Brother Du Plessis broke his foot, but we were glad that he could attend services in spite of it.

We are grateful to report that Sister Crinkshaw is much better and we pray that the improvement in her health may continue.

We extend our congratulations to young Brother Johannes Smit on his graduation from Primary.

The Relief Society started its activities for the year with a most enjoyable social evening.

We had to say goodbye to Sisters Chapman and Bush after a very brief stay in Pretoria. May our Heavenly Father bless them in their new fields of labour.

We are very happy to welcome into our Branch two new members: Sister Sylvia Barnes and her daughter June. May they find joy and peace through the gospel.

Brother and Sister Carter's three little children, Babette, Cavanagh and Gerrit were blessed. We send our congratulations to the Carter family, and may our Heavenly Father bless them and guide them.

Congratulations to those Brothers who were advanced in the Priesthoods.

We are happy to report that Sister Heroldt and Kevin have now recovered from their accident, and are able to take an active part in all activities again. Brother Heroldt is still overseas and we are looking forward to having him back again.

We send our best wishes to all the Saints of the South African Mission, and may we all progress in the work of the Lord.



PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Madge McHugh

BROTHER and Sister Smith and their daughter have left us because of a transfer to Naauwpoort, and we are sorry to see them go we hope that they will be happy in their new home.

The M.I.A. held a Valentine Party at the home of Sister Jean Charsley. Games were played and between the games there was dancing. Refreshments were served during the evening.

A fireside was held at the Chapel at which Elder Chugg took over and showed the film "What is a Mormon?" and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was Elder Chugg's last time with us for he is leaving for Rhodesia during the week. We wish him lots of luck in his new field of labour.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

WE are happy to announce the baptism of Sister Van Metzinger, and we hope that she will find great joy and happiness in the gospel. We also welcome Brother Bernard Orth from Pietermaritzburg and Sister Edwards and her family from England to our Branch. We know that they will be very happy with the Saints here at Primrose. Elder Oldroyd has also recently arrived here, taking the place of Elder Barlow.

Young George Wilson, who was in hospital to undergo an eye operation, is now out and well again. Robin de Wet, also a young member of the Branch, fell off a horse during the holiday and broke his arm.

The Relief Society is in full swing again, and we are looking forward to a very good year. We welcome Sister Pearl Wilson as our new Relief Society President, and may the Lord bless her in His service.

We welcome back to Primrose all those that were on holiday, and we hope that they all had a lovely time.

RAMAH BRANCH

Tiny Mathews

ACTIVITIES are in full swing in all of the auxiliaries again. The Relief Society opened with a social with about 72 present—mostly Sisters, but some husbands did manage to attend. Sister Alldredge kindly brought along a film called "My Brother's Keeper" which was a lovely show and it was enjoyed by all. So far there has been good turn-outs at the weekly meetings where lessons have started. The District Visiting Teachers' Party was held, at which Sister Dewsnup honoured the Visiting Teachers. We warmly congratulate our four Ramah Sisters that achieved perfection in their Visiting Teaching. That is to say, they made 100% visits in the year of 1962. These were Sisters Brummer, Purchase, Grant and De Jongh. With families and homes to keep up, these Sisters have proved to us that we can all achieve great things if we but try. The Relief Society room has been enlarged and the Sisters have some grand ideas for the new furnishings.

The building is coming on nicely at Ramah even though it was discovered that the trusses in the Recreation Hall roof were bending dangerously. Rectifying this has entailed a great deal of extra work and expense. However, we are delighted that this former error has made it possible for the ceiling in the Hall to be raised by 8 feet so that the Hall may be used for badminton and volley ball.

There have been three ordinations into the Aaronic Priesthood. Those ordained are Brothers Dennis Robb, Norman Brentot and Derek Benington. We extend our congratulations to these Brethren and may the Lord bless them in their Priesthood activities.

Port Elizabeth's loss has been our rich gain recently, and we are very happy to welcome the Foley and Stedman families and Sister

Faith Muller to Ramah. Rather like a game of draughts, for we are losing some of our "men" to Port Elizabeth too. Our dear Poultney family is going. We wish you a very happy and worthwhile sojourn in Port Elizabeth, and we hope that you will be in our midst again one of these days.

We send our congratulations to Brother and Sister Jones for the birth of another cute daughter. We're also glad to see you so well again Brother Jones.

The combined choirs are now getting down to business with "Papa and the Playhouse" which promises to be great fun.

The M.I.A. is building up a couple of good volley ball teams, and they have tournaments arranged with other Branches. On Saturday, February 23, 1963, all of the Branches will be meeting in Pretoria for a tournament, and the programme will be rounded off with a dance in the evening. There are volley ball practices after each M.I.A. meeting, Friday evenings at 7.30 p.m. and Saturday afternoons at 2.00 p.m.

Brother and Sister Nel have a very exciting venture ahead of them since they leave us on the 20th of February for the United States. Happy journeys and "God be with you till we meet again."

SALISBURY BRANCH

Jean Schonnberg



SALISBURY has been experiencing continual rains over quite a period of time, and we are looking forward to the return of those long sunny days which make our climate here so delightful. The Relief Society has commenced its new year after the recess period, and the Sisters are anticipating a fruitful and prosperous time ahead, and are happy once again to partake of the spirit and companionship of their regular weekly meetings. An enjoyable Social Evening

was held at the home of the Relief Society President, Sister Grace E. Corbett, on the 31st of January. The refreshments proved so appetising that there was quite an exchange of "favourite recipes" during the evening. We are happy to welcome two new members of Relief Society and we pray that they may find enjoyment and benefit from their fellowship in this auxiliary. They are Sisters June Frost and Mephan Margaret Oliver. Sister Frost has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

The M.I.A. has presented its usual Tuesday evening programmes. This month we have had activity periods of dancing, quizzes, films and one evening the young people arranged their own games programme. The film evening, prepared by Brother Chris Gordon-Carroll was very much enjoyed by all. One of the films was on mouth hygiene, and it showed the absolute necessity of taking care of one's teeth, and keeping a clean and healthy mouth. The other films were also very interesting.

We are happy to have several members back once again from their vacations. They are Sisters Morris and Lodge, and Brother Pepper. Sister Lodge had a nasty accident in her flat prior to her return. However, we are glad to see that she is much improved, and she is able to get about again.

The Fisher family from Umtali has been able to visit with us twice this month, and it is quite like old times to have them back in our midst. This fine Latter-Day Saint family helps to swell our ranks when they join with us. Brother George Fisher tells us that Sunday School is held regularly in their home with Patsy and himself giving lessons to the family.

We extend a welcome to Brother and Sister Frost and their family who have arrived to make their home in Salisbury once again after a

long period away. The Frosts will prove to be a great asset to the Branch at this most important stage of its development and growth.

The Highlands Town Management Board has given authority to purchase a beautiful Chapel site which we have long been hoping to procure. The Saints in Salisbury feel that nothing can now stand in their way and looking forward to the outcome of the months ahead with joyful anticipation and secure in the knowledge that the work of the Lord will go forward in this part of His vineyard as never before. We send greetings to all the Saints.

SPRINGS BRANCH



JUDGING from the contented looks on the faces of the members of the Springs Branch, and from the lack of bad news, we have obviously enjoyed another month filled with many blessings; and we hope that this is true of all the other Branches as well.

On January 19, Springs and East Rand Branches met at Springs to play the first of the volley ball league games organized by the M.I.A. The afternoon passed in a lovely spirit of friendship, and afterwards we all got together at the branch party organized to help raise funds for our building programme. The party was strictly African, with native dress, music and food, and we prevailed upon the Springs boys to repeat the performance of "cock-robin" which everyone enjoyed so much on New Year's Eve.

The combined M.I.A. fireside this month was held at the Van Niekerk's home, and Brother Ken Armstrong gave an interesting talk on appreciating modern art and jazz.

The weather spoiled the watermelon bust held by the Relief Society on Friday the 1st of February, but those who attended gathered their children and belongings and made their way to the home of Brother and Sister Adlod where a grand pancake night was soon in full swing.

Sister Phyllis Armstrong underwent an operation, but she is now back with her family and is "getting better vry day!"

The M-Men and Gleaner Class of the M.I.A. visited the East Daggafontein mine this month, and the group of 12 enjoyed every minute of their experience. For those of the group who go underground every day, the thrill came in watching the faces of those who had never ventured below the surface.

Our members who were on holiday have returned, and our chapel seems to be filling with people. President Hulbert himself remarked that there were so many new faces that he had difficulty in sorting the visitors from the strangers. It really is gratifying to see our numbers grow. Last fast and testimony service five new members were confirmed, and a new baby was blessed. Our congratulations and prayers go to these brothers and sisters with the hope that they will continue strong in the Gospel. The five new members are Brother Andre Burger, Sister Johnson and her three children. We say to them, "Welcome to the Branch".

The new Relief Society year has started, and at our conference we were pleased to have Sister Dewsnup, the District Supervisor, and President and Sister Powrie with us. The singing mothers of the branch also rendered a number at our branch conference service. We were privileged to have our Mission President with us, as well as the entire District Presidency.

At our Branch officers and teachers meeting on conference Sunday, President Powrie said many glowing things about our Branch. Thank you President Powrie for your encouragement!

We send greetings to all other branches.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

Rowland S. Roberts

THERE have been two recent baptisms to report from our Branch. We welcome into the Branch Brother Kuit and Brother Jacobus Slabbert who has just reached the age of accountability. We wish them a very happy association with us. Brother Slabbert was very proud and grateful to the Lord that he was able to baptise his son.

The missionary work is going along very steadily here with group teaching playing the most important part. The new film strip is also playing a most impressive role.

The Relief Society has started again after their recess, the M.I.A. attendances continue to be fair and the Primary has also started again and is enjoying a fair measure of support.

We wish Brother Botha and his daughter a speedy recovery from their illnesses. They are both in the Vereeniging Hospital at the moment.

Sister Annie Brummer is now back with us after a long illness which was the result of an accident. It is nice to see her at our services once again, and we pray that she will soon be well enough to resume her duties.

Our Branch President and Clerk, along with their families, are on holiday at the South Coast, and we hope that they will enjoy themselves and return to us fit and well.

All of the Saints of the Vereeniging Branch send their good wishes to the Saints everywhere and we pray that the Lord will continue to prosper us all.

WELKOM BRANCH

Arlene Gilbert

WE are happy to say that our Chapel is progressing steadily in spite of all the delays.

A Branch Braai was held in the home of the Nels during the month. This was our second attempt at holding the braai as the first time it was washed out due to rain, but all those who were able to attend certainly enjoyed it eventually.

We were very happy to have Brother and Sister Maree from Ramah join us for a couple of services. We love having other members visit us, even if it is only for such a short period.

We extend to Brother and Sister Van Reinsburg our sincerest congratulations on their baptism, and may the Lord bless them in the great step that they have taken. We are happy to say that we have a goodly number of investigators at present, and we appreciate and commend our Orange Free State missionaries for their efforts.

At this time we wish to welcome back all of our members who have been away on leave. It is great to see their faces once again.

We are sorry to report that Sister Parkin is once again back in the hospital. Sister Parkin was hoping to be rid of her plastic cast that she has been wearing for the past three months, but luck was against her. She has been put back into another cast for another six weeks. Joyce, our prayers are ever with you during this trying period.

A Relief Society opening social was held in the home of Sister Watson, and a wonderful time was had by all present. We wish to welcome all of the new Relief Society Sisters into our midst.

We have now come to the end of another month, and we wish to send greetings to all members, and especially to the Saints in South Africa.

LOCATION OF BRANCH OR DISTRICT

Meeting Place

TRANSVAAL

RAMAH BRANCH

Meetings: 1 Hunter Street, Highlands, Johannesburg. Phone 24-3669.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Meetings: Krugersdorp Town Hall Lecture Room.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Meetings: 23 Eleventh Street, Springs. Phone 56-7191.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Meetings: 115 Whobarn Avenue, Benoni, Tvl.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Chapel, Devenish Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Meyer Street, Germiston.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

Meetings: Vereeniging Peace Lodge, Joubert Street. Vereeniging.

NATAL

DURBAN BRANCH

Meetings: 144 Silverton Road, Durban. Phone 4-9369.

MARGATE BRANCH

Meetings: Moth Hall, Margate.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

Meetings: Oddfellows' Hall, 136 Longmarket Street.

CAPE

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Meetings: Cumorah, Main Road, Mowbray. Phone 69-8718.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Talent Street, Parow.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Belgravia Crescent, East London.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Meetings: 40 Prospect Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

KIMBERLEY BRANCH

Meetings: Better'ole Cafe, Permanent Street, Kimberley.

ORANGE FREE STATE

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Meetings: Chapel, end of Voortrekker Road. Phone 8-0702.

WELKOM BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Stateway, Welkom.

RHODESIA

BULAWAYO BRANCH

Meetings: Boy Scout Headquarters on 8th Avenue, off Labangula St.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Meetings: Frederick Knapp School Hall, Boma St., Kitwe.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Inverness Road, (off Jameson Avenue East), Eastlea, Salisbury.

GWELO BRANCH

Meetings: Riverside School, Athlone Drive, Gwelo.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

Meetings: 121 "F" Avenue, Luanshya.

VICTORY

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victory is to conquer
yourself; to be conquered
by yourself is of all
things most shameful
and vile.”*

Plato